

Four U.S. Army Materiel Command organizations win Shingo Prize



Col. Bruce Elliott, commander, Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, thanks the audience for the award. Back row (left to right) George Koenigsaecker, Shingo Prize for Excellence Board of Governors; Ross Robson, Shingo Prize for Excellence Executive Director and John Hirstein, RIA JMTC Lean Program Manager.

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The Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing has recognized four U.S. Army Materiel Command organizations with the 2006 Shingo Prize Public Sector Award for achievement in implementing lean systems in support of the manufacturing, repair, overhaul and maintenance of warfighter equipment.

According to Shingo Prize officials, the awards are broken into four categories: platinum, gold, silver and bronze. The AMC recipients are:

- Gold - [Rock Island Arsenal](#), Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, Rock Island, Ill., for its work on the Forward Repair System
- Silver - [Letterkenny Army Depot](#), Chambersburg, Pa., for its work on the HMMWV
- Silver - [Red River Army Depot](#), Texarkana, Texas, for its work on the HMMWV
- Bronze - [Tobyhanna Army Depot](#), Tobyhanna, Pa., for its work on the AN/TPS-75 Radar System

Last year, Letterkenny Army Depot was the Army's first and only recipient of the Public Sector Shingo prize.



Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin (left), Dr. Ross Robson and Col. J.B. Elliott present to Shingo Prize to the RIA JMTC workforce Sept. 22.

“The 2006 recipients are not only saving American taxpayers’ money, but increasing the quality and availability of military weapons that protect Americans at home and Soldiers abroad,” said North American Shingo Prize Director Ross Robson.

“I am very proud of our folks in AMC whose extraordinary efforts are providing our Warfighters with the highest quality equipment, ahead of schedule and at a reduced cost. The Shingo Award recognizes this extraordinary performance by our arsenal and depot workforce -- for it is the workers on the shop floor who are using Lean and Six Sigma techniques to enable us to better meet the needs of our men and women serving on point for our Nation around the world fighting the global war on terror,” said Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, AMC commanding general.

The AMC organizations were evaluated by on-site examiners and were scored in the following areas: cost improvement; leadership; empowerment; vision and strategy; innovation and development; partnering practices with suppliers and customers; environmental practices; quality and results; and consistent improvement in each of those areas, according to Shingo Prize officials.

The AMC organizations will receive their award at the 2nd Annual Shingo Prize Public Sector Conference Sept. 7, 2006 at the Tropicana Resort and Casino Hotel in Las Vegas. The Shingo Prize is managed by Utah State University’s College of Business. For more information, please visit: <http://www.shingoprize.org/>.